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TO: Director, FBI (157-1624)

FROM: SAC, Cleveland (157-229) (P)

MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
RACIAL MATTERS

OO: Cleveland

Re Cleveland airtel, 7/2/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the following:

One Ashtabula County, Ohio, road map, the lower Southwest corner of which shows the Township of Harts Grove, Ohio. The property of LAWRENCE DOZIER fronts on the Southern boundary of this township, East of Highway 534. It is noted that this map does not show the specifications of the farm, but an approximate location of it. The farm is not in Windsor Township.

Four photographs of the rifle range backstop located on the DOZIER farm, which is approximately 40 feet in length. The sand embankment located in the foreground of this photograph is approximately 15 to 20 feet long and is approximately 25 yards in front of the backstop. The sacks visible on top of the embankment are sand bags. There is a slit trench on the side of the embankment away from the backstop not visible in the photograph.

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Four photographs of the DOZIER farm viewing it from the West and looking East. The sand embankment is circled in ink and directly behind it is the farmhouse of DOZIER. The backstop is located at the edge of the trees to the right of the embankment. The Southern boundary of the DOZIER property is almost in line with these trees. The upper right part of the photograph shows the PROSSER farm. Behind the farmhouse is visible a white barn. The upper portion of this barn closest to the DOZIER property has numerous holes, apparently caused by the rifle fire on the DOZIER property. The PROSSER farm is located due South from the DOZIER farm. Noble Rd. running North and South (a dirt road) is visible passing in front of the DOZIER and PROSSER dwellings.

Three photographs of the DOZIER farm viewing it from the East and looking West. The sand embankment is circled in ink. Noble Rd. is in the bottom foreground of the photograph. The Western boundary of the DOZIER property is at the edge of the clump of trees in the background of the picture just to the rear of the embankment.

Three photographs of the DOZIER farm viewing it from the North and looking South. The sand embankment and rifle range backstop are not visible in this photograph as they are too far West of the house. The PROSSER farm is the next farm directly South from the DOZIER farm and visible is the barn referred to above. The Northern edge of the DOZIER farm is not visible in this photograph; however, the Southern edge of the farm, which is also the Northern edge of the PROSSER farm, is the driveway coming off Noble Rd. leading to the DOZIER dwelling.

The excellent photographs were taken by SA CHARLES A. HARVEY on 7/6/65, at which time he was aboard a helicopter flown by an Army pilot, furnished by the Cleveland Army Air Defense Command.

It is pointed out, which is apparent from the photographs, that the rifle range backstop is well concealed as it is just set back from the edge of the wooded area. It was located after an extensive terrain search by SAs THOMAS J. O'HARA, Jr., and JOHN J. SULLIVAN on 7/1/65.

SAs O'HARA and SULLIVAN maintained a fisur of the DOZIER farm on Sun., 7/4/65, and no activity was noted. Sources in the area will immediately notify the Cleveland Office when rifle fire starts again on this farm.

On 7/8/65, Ashtabula County, Ohio, Prosecutor JOSEPH MAHONEY (former Special Agent) and Ashtabula County Sheriff TOM FASULA were apprised of the activities on the DOZIER farm, and they stated that there was no violation of the laws of the State of Ohio or of any township ordinance with the exception that if the rifle fire was directed against the property of PROSSER, the inhabitants of any dwellings thereon could file a complaint.

The PROSSER farm is occupied only on Suns. by Mrs. PROSSER and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. JOHN J. KELLY, and the KELLY children.

Mr. KELLY, an executive of the East Ohio Gas Co., is cooperating with the Cleveland Office in this matter.

On 7/8/65, photographs of the DOZIER farm were furnished to Detective THOMAS MAHON and Detective Sgt. THOMAS DEVERS, Bureau of Special Investigations, Cleveland Police Dept. The Cleveland Office and the Cleveland Police Dept. are exploring every possible means of obtaining photographs of the rifle club while at rifle practice. Any suggestions which can be furnished by the Bureau would be appreciated by the Cleveland Office.

It is pointed out that DOZIER is known to wander all over his property carrying a rifle and is very zealous in preventing any trespassers on his property. During the winter he even refuses the snow removal crews to turn their

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equipment around in his driveway and has chased them off on several occasions at gunpoint, according to information furnished by Hartsgrove Township Trustee HAROLD FULLER on 7/7/65. It would appear that if DOZIER caught any police or Bureau personnel on his property, he might open fire. It is further noted that the terrain in this area is hilly and rolling rather than flat.

Enclosures to the Bureau (RM)

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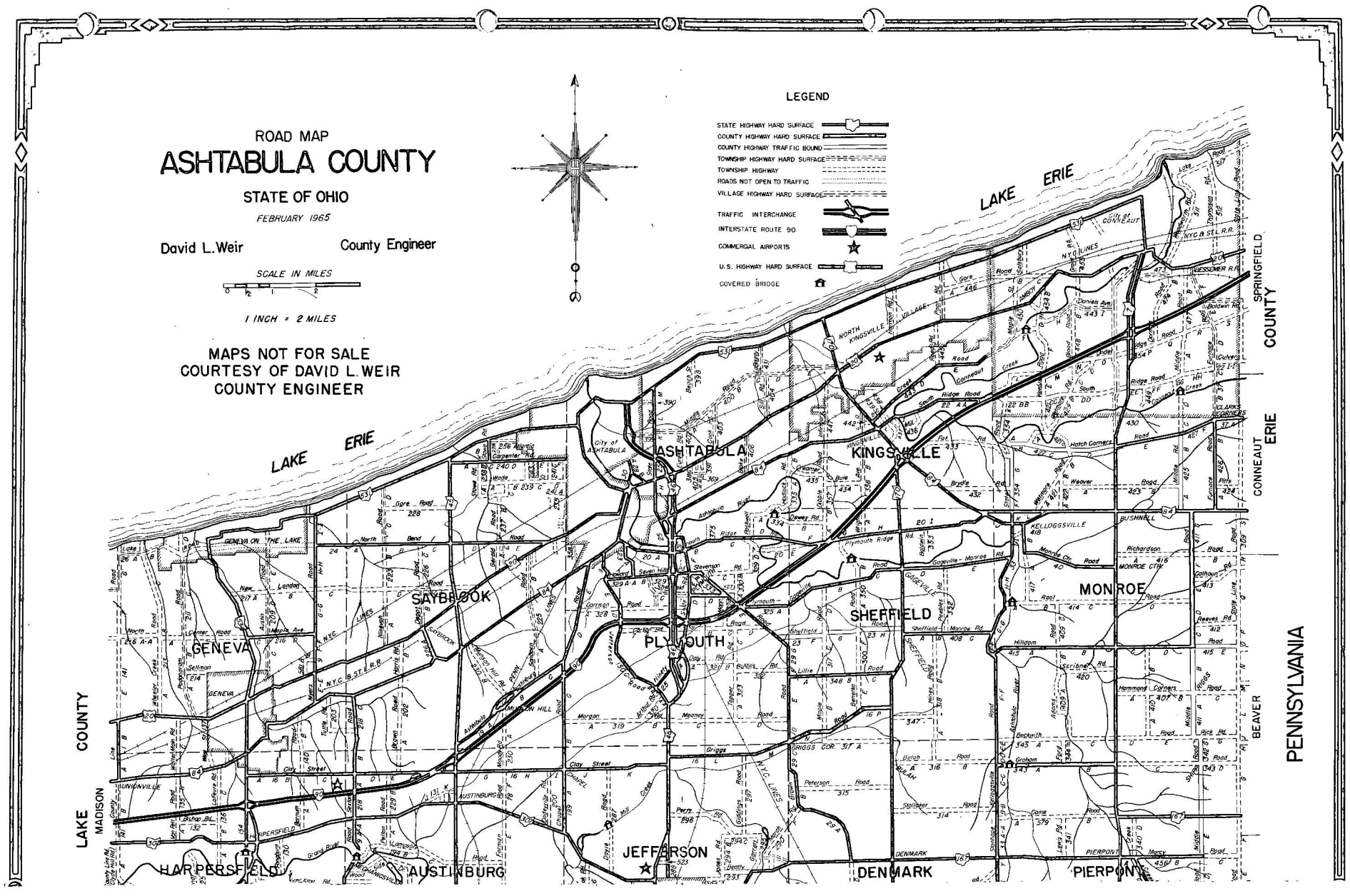
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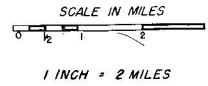
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ROAD MAP
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David L. Weir County Engineer



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COUNTY ENGINEER

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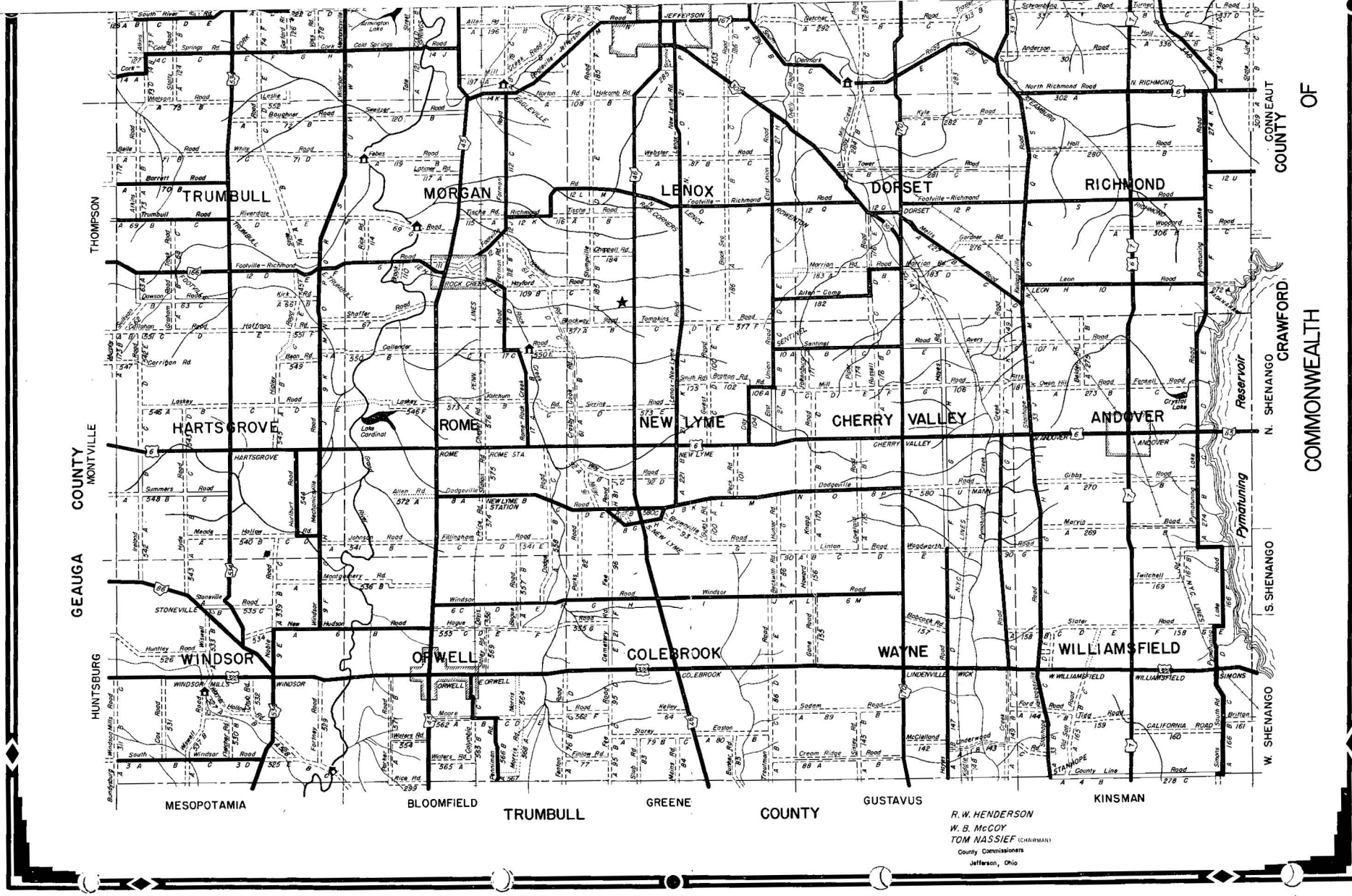
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- ROADS NOT OPEN TO TRAFFIC
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- COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS
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• Farm House of LAWRENCE HAZIER

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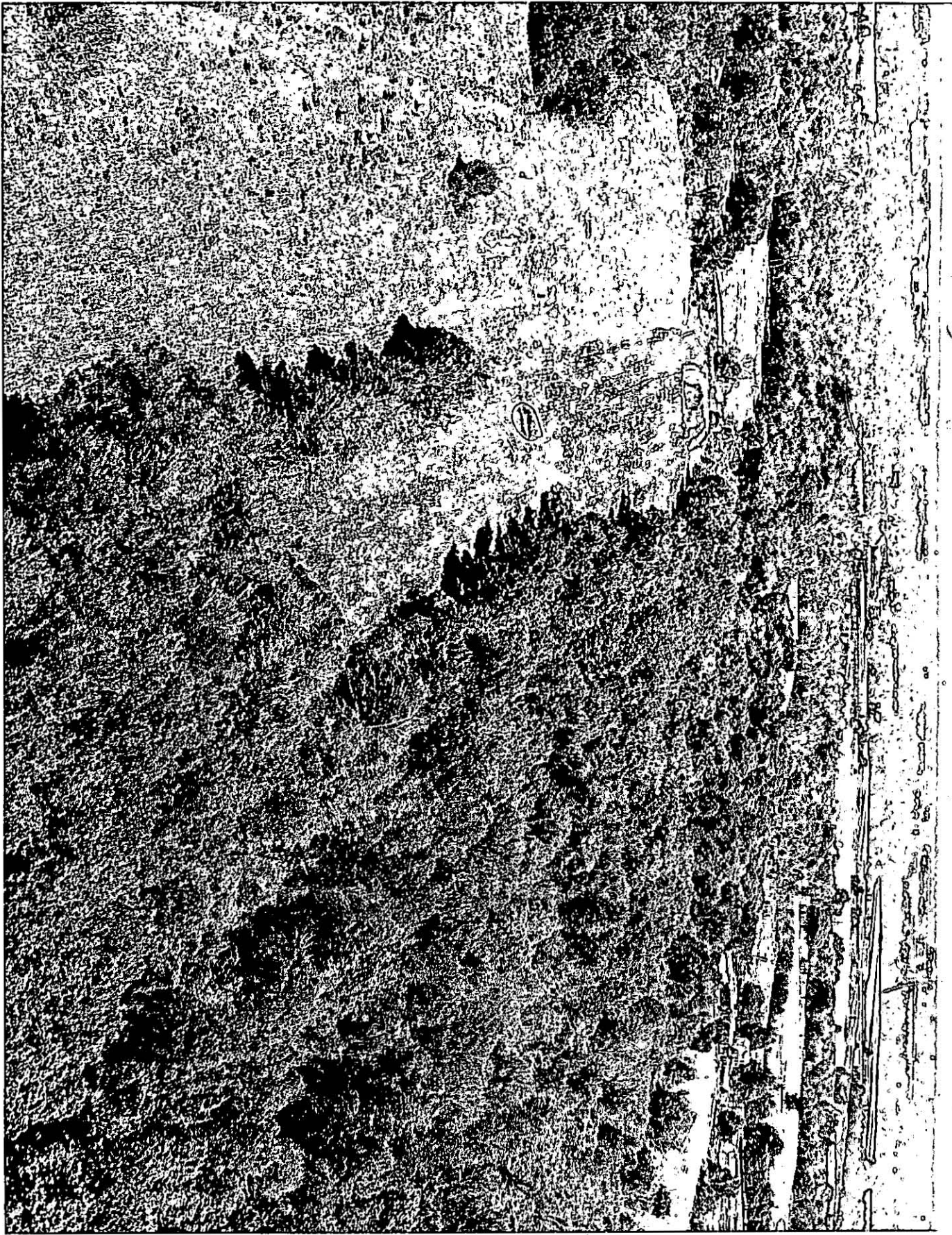
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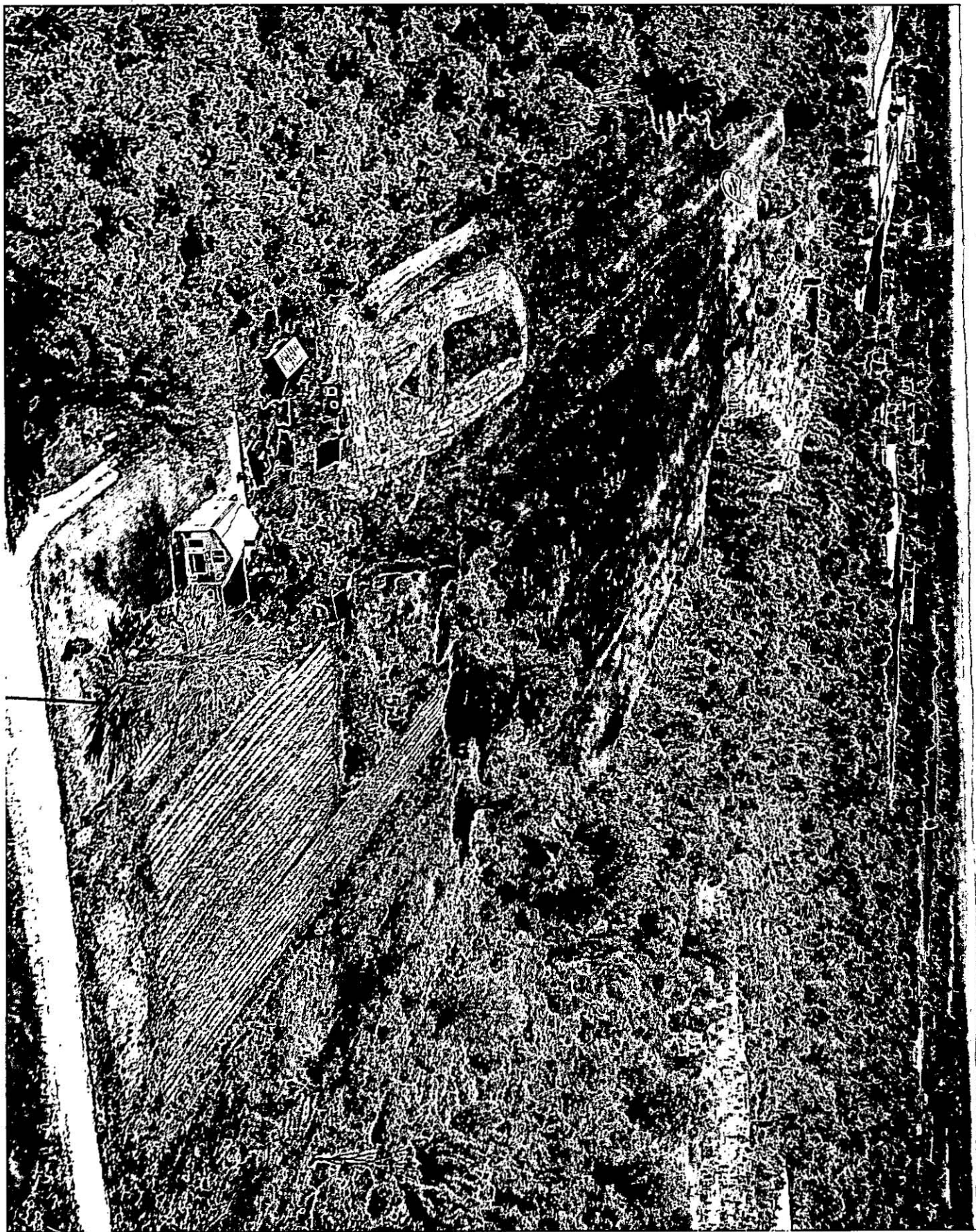
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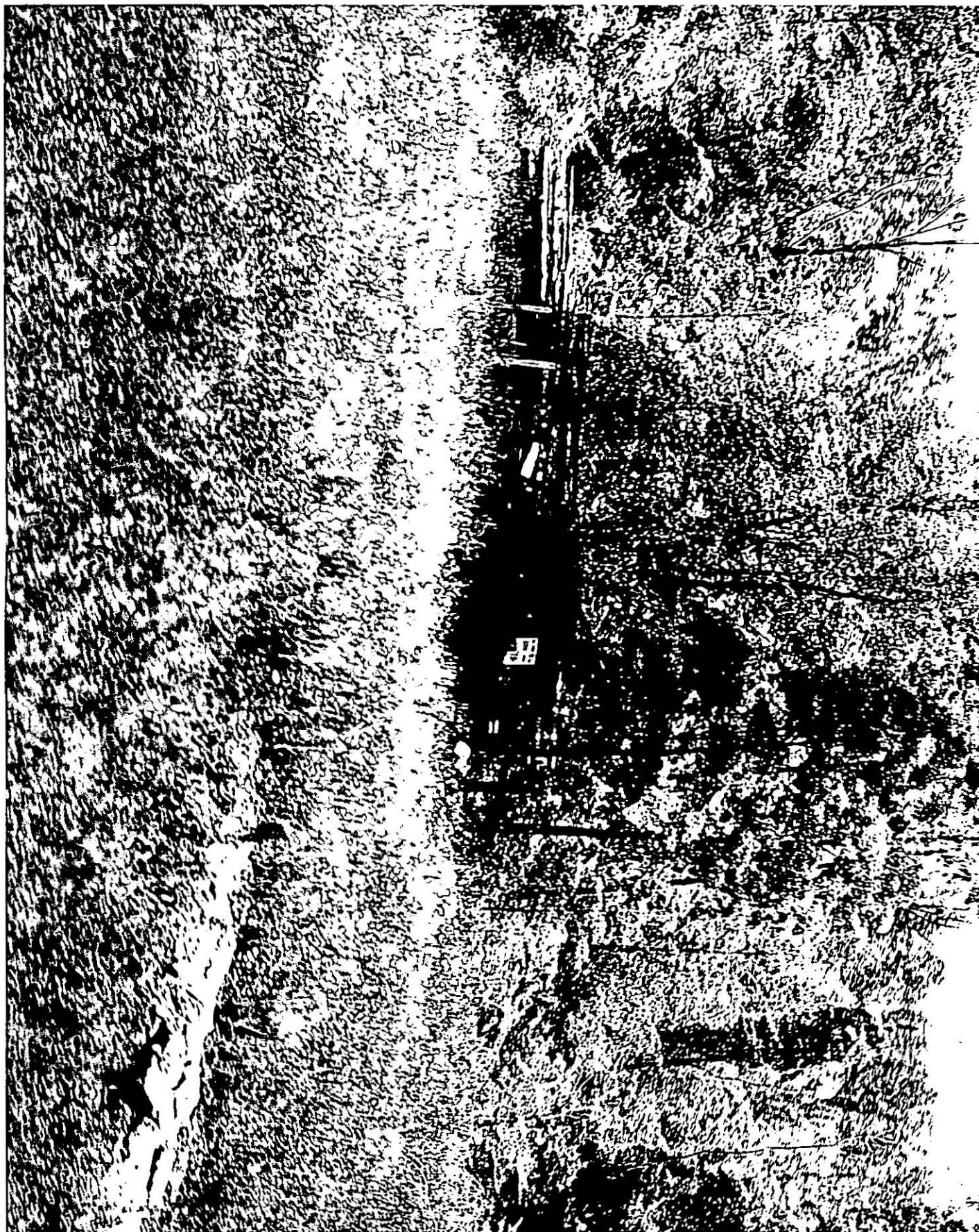
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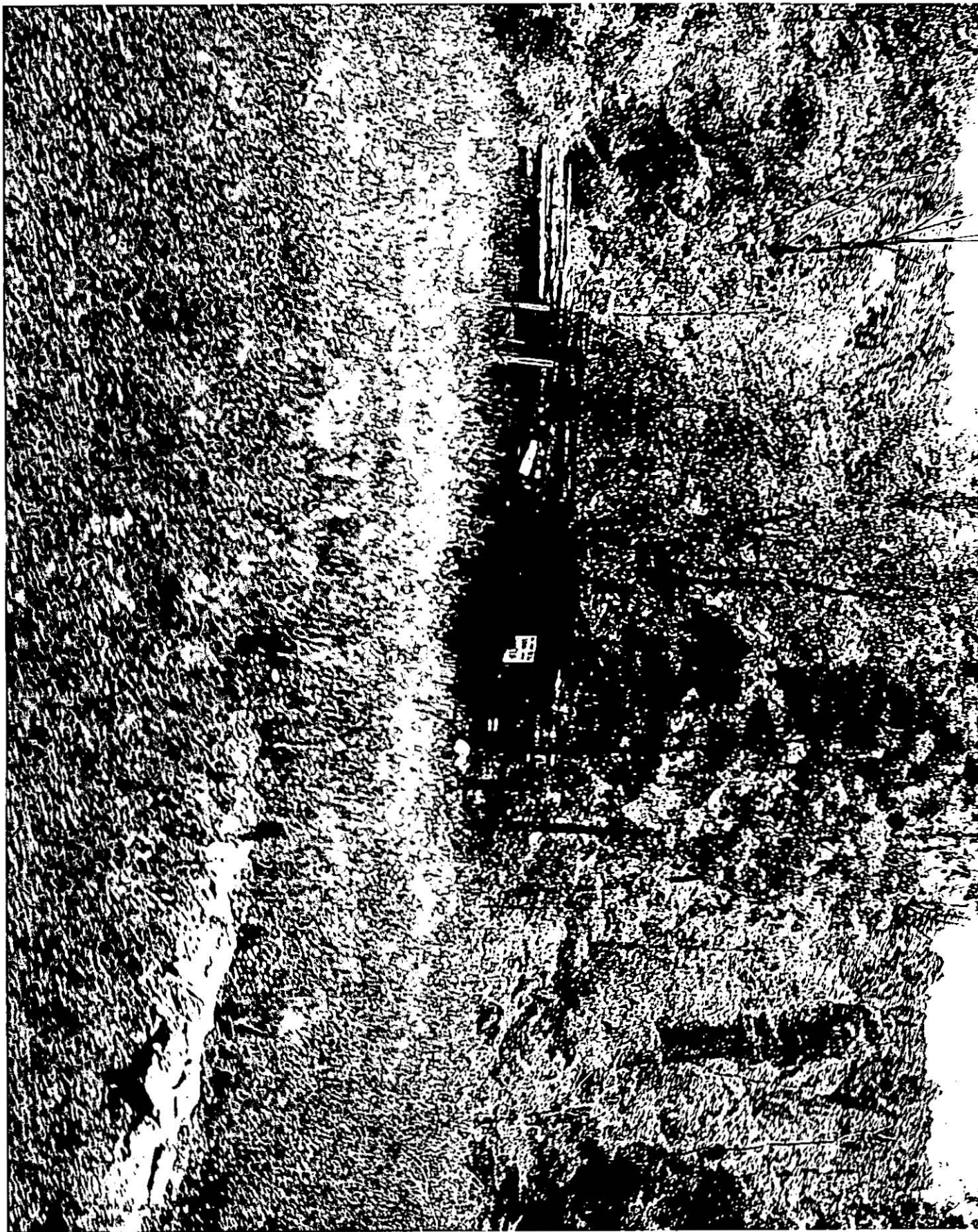
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1624)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-229) (P*)

RE: MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
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(OO:CV)

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Rerep of SA CHARLES A. HARVEY, CV, 4/23/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM re captioned matter. Copies of the enclosed LHM are being disseminated to local military agencies and to the Secret Service.

LHM not being classified.

On 6/25/65, [redacted] confidentially furnished the following info to SAS THOMAS J. O'HARA, JR., AND JOHN J. SULLIVAN. [redacted] is identical with source number one in the enclosed LHM):

[redacted] denied being a member of captioned organization, but admitted attending their meetings and participating in firearms practice, during the Fall of 1964 and the Spring of 1965.

[redacted] took the interviewing Agents to a farm located in Windsor, Ohio, approximately 65 miles southeast of Cleveland, Ohio, and informed that the owner was a friend of LEWIS ROBINSON. He was unable to furnish the identity of the owner of the farm, but

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the name L. DOZIER was observed on a mail box. He stated that the rifle club had firearms practice on Sundays at this farm.

[REDACTED] stated that ROBINSON referred to the rifle club as the Medgar Evers Rifle Club, and that its purpose was to protect civil rights demonstrators. He indicated that approximately 15-20 individuals belong to this rifle club.

The CV Office is attempting to identify all the members of the rifle club and are making arrangements to obtain aerial photos of the farm and practice range. Intensive investigation being conducted regarding LAWRENCE DOZIER and appropriate coverage has already been set up to obtain license numbers of all vehicle observed at the DOZIER farm.

Source number two is [REDACTED] Rt. 534 Windsor, Ohio, who requested that his identity be kept confidential.

CV PD have been advised of the location of the range and a conference is being scheduled with Ashtabula County Prosecutor and the Ashtabula County SO who have jurisdiction over Windsor, Ohio.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cleveland, Ohio
July 2, 1965

MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Previous communications stated that information which appeared in the April 5, 1964, issue of "The Plain Dealer", a local daily newspaper in Cleveland, Ohio, wherein LEWIS G. ROBINSON was quoted as stating he intended to form a rifle club, to be known as the Medgar Evers Rifle Club (MERC) for the purpose of affording protection to civil rights demonstrators when the local police failed to do so.

~~LEWIS G. ROBINSON~~

On July 1, 1957, LEWIS G. ROBINSON submitted an application for employment with the United States Government. In answer to the question, "Are you now, or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party of the United States or any Communist or fascist organization?", he stated "I have attended several meetings of the Labor Youth League in Boston in 1950." The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. MASS.
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On June 25, 1965, source number one, who has not been contacted a sufficient number of times to estimate his reliability, but who is known to have associated with individuals believed to be members of the captioned organization, confidentially furnished the following information:

The source denied membership in the captioned

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organization, but admitted that he had attended meetings from Spring of 1964 to the Spring of 1965. The source stated that LEWIS ROBINSON referred to this organization as the Medgar Evers Rifle Club, and stated that its purpose was to protect the civil rights workers during participations in civil rights demonstrations. The source, at his invitation, accompanied ROBINSON to rifle club target practice; which was held on a farm located at Windsor, Ohio. The source stated that the rifle club went to this farm at least once a month and always on Sundays. The source was present on several occasions in 1964 and 1965. Approximately 15 to 20 members were present, and the only weapons utilized were rifles. The source accompanied Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (SAs of the FBI) to Windsor, Ohio, and pointed out the farm, stating that the owner, identity unknown to him, was a friend of LEWIS ROBINSON. Source advised that a barrier of logs and sand was used to set up a target area and that the targets were comprised of bottles and cans.

The source insisted that he never formally joined the rifle club, and stated that he no longer attended meetings or went to target practice.

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On July 1, 1965, source number two, who has not been contacted a sufficient number of times to estimate his reliability, identified the owner of the farm pointed out by source number one, as LAWRENCE DOZIER. He advised that since early Spring, 1965, on every Sunday, there is a heavy volume of rifle fire on the farm of DOZIER from approximately 3:00 or 4:00 p.m., until dusk. Source stated that he has observed four and five automobiles occupied by Negro males at the DOZIER farm.

On July 1, 1965, SAs of the FBI physically observed the southwest edge of the DOZIER farm, bordering a heavily wooded area. Observed was a barrier approximately 40 feet long and seven feet high, consisting of tree trunks and limbs piled on top of each other, backed with approximately three feet of sand, almost the same height as the stacked timber, followed again by another group of timber and tree limbs stacked on top of each other. Numerous bottles and beer cans

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were found in the area which had been used as targets and there was also recovered some brass of various calibers of rifle ammunition. Approximately 25 yards in front of this barrier was a man-constructed sand embankment, approximately 15 to 20 feet long, which could have been used as a backstop for target practice before the erection of the larger barrier.

MRS.
On July 2, 1965, DUNCAN CRAIG, Alcohol and Tax Unit, United States Treasury Department, Youngstown, Ohio, advised that on May 11, 1955, LAWRENCE DOZIER, and his wife WILLA DOZIER, were arrested by his agency and the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office, for operating a still on the above described farm of DOZIER. DOZIER was prosecuted by the Ashtabula County Authorities at Ashtabula, Ohio, and LAWRENCE DOZIER was convicted and received a prison sentence. CRAIG advised that all of his files were sent to the Main Office at Cincinnati, Ohio, and he was unable to recall further details regarding these arrests.

On July 2, 1965, Patrolman THOMAS MAHON, Bureau of Special Investigations, Cleveland, Ohio Police Department, advised that LAWRENCE DOZIER, referred to above, is assigned Cleveland Police Department Number 94582, Federal Bureau of Investigation Number 3781399, and is described as Negro, male, date of birth - December 29, 1910, 6', 195 pounds, black hair, maroon eyes, wife - WILLA.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442684)
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-768) (P)
REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT
IS - RAM
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Re Detroit airtel to Bureau with LHM, dated 4/28/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM concerning captioned matter. One copy of LHM being furnished G-2, Detroit, and two copies of LHM are being furnished U.S. Secret Service, Detroit. Two copies are also being furnished Chicago which is office of origin in this matter

The contents of the LHM have been made available to the Detroit Police Department and the Michigan State Police. The LHM is being classified confidential since information contained therein could reasonably result in the identification of informants of continuing value and thereby compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

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Source number one is [REDACTED]. Source
number two is [REDACTED]. Source number three is Detective
[REDACTED], Special Investigations Bureau,
Detroit Police Department.

This matter is being followed closely by the Detroit
Office and the Bureau will be advised of pertinent develop-
ments.



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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Detroit, Michigan
May 19, 1965

Re: Revolutionary Action Movement
(RAM)

Reference is made to Detroit letterhead memorandum, dated April 28, 1965, captioned as above.

On May 18, 1965, source number one, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that an informal gathering of the Fox and Wolf Hunt Club (FWHC) was held on May 16, 1965, at 2929 Hazelwood, Detroit, Michigan.

Source identified the following individuals as being among some of those in attendance at this informal gathering: MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

General Baker,
Vales Crossley,
Max Henderson,
Gretta Bridges.

Source advised that General Baker indicated that Charles Simons was in Canada over the weekend and as a result was not able to be in attendance at this informal gathering. He further indicated that Marshall Williams had his car repossessed as a result of his failure to make the necessary payments as a result of which he was without transportation and unable to return to the Detroit area from Lansing, Michigan, where he is attending college.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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Movement (RAM)

General Baker indicated that he is saving his money in order to purchase a printing press which press he intends to utilize to print revolutionary leaflets. Baker indicated that he was going to distribute these revolutionary leaflets initially without any charge; however, at a later date, he intended to sell them.

General Baker advised those in attendance at this informal gathering that he would provide these leaflets to members in attendance when they become available.

According to source, General Baker stated that he is attempting to find a new apartment inasmuch as his present apartment is not desirable.

Source advised that Richard Henry, FWHC President, arrived at the informal gathering with 200 rounds of .22 caliber ammunition. Source advised that those in attendance at the informal gathering proceeded to the basement of the Crossley residence where they engaged in target practice with a .22 caliber rifle.

Source advised that members of the FWHC are planning to meet next Sunday, May 23, 1965, at the Crossley residence from which location they will proceed to a rifle range located at Dequindre and 23 Mile Roads outside the immediate Detroit area where they will engage in rifle practice.

On May 18, 1965, source number two and three, both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, corroborated the information furnished by source number one concerning the informal gathering of the FWHC held on May 16, 1965.

Source number three additionally advised that one local RAM member, namely General Baker, was in attendance at this informal gathering. Source further advised that Charles Simmons and Marshall Williams, two other local RAM members, were unable to attend this informal gathering.

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A characterization of RAM is contained
in the appendix hereto.

All unidentified sources utilized in
the appendix have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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APPENDIX

REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT (RAM)

On November 3, 1964, a source made available a document entitled, "The Revolutionary Action Movement Manifesto", the document having been obtained by the source from an individual known to be a member of RAM.

This document stated, in part, that RAM was officially organized in the Winter of 1963, by Afro-Americans who support the revolutionary objectives of ROBERT F. WILLIAMS, now residing in Cuba, and his concept of organized violence to achieve the liberation of the Afro-American people in the United States. This Manifesto reflected that RAM had oriented its program to one of education and political revolution and the organization of a "black" political party with revolutionary objectives, having recognized the need for a "black revolution" that could and would seize power. RAM philosophy is described in this document as one of revolutionary nationalism, that is, one involving the struggles of the non-white races of the world against exploitation and enslavement by the white capitalist and imperialist nations.

Regarding WILLIAMS, above, it should be noted that on August 28, 1961, a Federal warrant was issued at Charlotte, North Carolina, charging him with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution for the Crime of Kidnapping. Subsequent to the issuance of this warrant, WILLIAMS fled the United States to Cuba, where he now publishes a monthly newsletter entitled "The Crusader" from Havana.

On November 16, 1965, a second source advised that he learned recently from a RAM member that the organization was begun in Detroit, Michigan, largely under the impetus of DON FREEMAN, Cleveland, Ohio, described as the "Father" of RAM and referred to as RAM's "Black Stalin". FREEMAN now serves as RAM Chairman, with MAXWELL STANFORD, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, serving RAM as Field Chairman. This second source advised that there is no formal headquarters, as such, for RAM at present, but that headquarters are, in effect, with FREEMAN since he plays a dominant role in the leadership and directs the policies and activities of the organization.

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This second source, in September, 1964, advised that RAM is dedicated to the overthrow of the capitalist system in the United States, by violence if necessary, and to its replacement by a socialistic system oriented toward the Chinese Communist interpretation of Marxism-Leninism. RAM is entirely non-white in membership, clandestine in nature, and owes its primary allegiance to the "Bandung World", that is, the non-white races of the world, rather than to any national entity, as such.

To date, according to the second source, in November, 1964, RAM has organized units and membership in several of the larger cities in the United States east of the Mississippi River, and the organization is currently active, attempting to recruit new members and expand its sphere of influence.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE RACIAL MATTERS	

REFERENCE

Cleveland airtel, 3/8/65, to the Bureau with enclosed letterhead memorandum.

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Will continue to follow and report activities of the Medgar Evers Rifle Club.

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It has been determined that the unidentified informant quoted in "The Cleveland Press" in its issue of April 9, 1964, regarding the Medgar Evers Rifle Club (MERC) meeting on April 8, 1964, is Mr. HILBERT N. BLACK, a Negro reporter for the Press. Sergeant JOHN UNGVARY, Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department, advised that BLACK had talked with members of that department and had stated that the article in the April 9, 1964, issue of The Press contained all the information he had concerning the aforementioned MERC meeting.

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Lieutenant NORMAN NICKERSON, Special Investigations, Detroit, Michigan, Police Department, has advised that his department has received no information that MERC is joining with the Detroit group known as UHURU. Lieutenant NICKERSON stated that UHURU has been inactive in Detroit for the past year.

On April 13, 1964, HAROLD BURLEY, Subversive Detail, Michigan State Police, advised that he has received no information indicating that the Cleveland MERC organization has, or is planning to, affiliate with UHURU in Detroit. In April, 1964, the Detroit Office advised that logical sources in the Detroit Division had stated that they had no information concerning a tie-in between the Cleveland MERC organization and the UHURU group in Detroit.

On February 2, 1965, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] a discontinued PSI of the Cleveland Office who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past, provided information concerning a trip which he and several other persons from Cleveland, including LEWIS G. ROBINSON, made to Detroit, Michigan, on January 29 - 31, 1965.

[] stated that while in Detroit they attended a meeting at 3061 Field Street and that ROBINSON monopolized this meeting with talk about his purposed campaign for the Cleveland City Council. [] stated that ROBINSON displayed two rifles, a .30 caliber and a .03 caliber, which he stated he had purchased in Detroit. ROBINSON also said that he wanted to inspect the "Detroit groups" rifle range but [] did not know whether, in fact, ROBINSON did visit the Detroit groups rifle range.

On February 16, 1965, [] advised that on February 15, 1965, ALBERT WARE brought a .30 caliber Enfield rifle to the source's residence. [] stated that this rifle belongs to WARE.

The above information from [] is not being incorporated in the details of this report for the reason that it has not been independently verified through other sources.

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On March 24, 1965, [redacted] who is identical with CV T-2 in this report, advised that during a conversation among various MERC members reference was made to a person believed to be identical with Mr. J. W. WILLS, JR., son of the owner of a well known Negro mortuary in Cleveland. Reference to WILLS was made in such a way as to cause the source to speculate that MERC may be using, or planning to use, a farm owned by WILLS in Ashtabula County, Ohio, for rifle practice. This information was not incorporated in the details of this report in view of the fact that it is currently unverified. Cleveland is now conducting investigation to determine what, if any, factual basis exists for source's speculation in this regard.

A review of all the pertinent files concerning the MERC fails to positively reflect that LEWIS ROBINSON actually formed a rifle club when he originally made his announcement in April, 1964. Most of the persons familiar with ROBINSON consider him to be primarily an egotistical publicity seeker who reveled in the notoriety created by his rifle club announcement. No doubt exists, however, that a rifle club is now organized in Cleveland and that ROBINSON is affiliated with it. [redacted] the only Cleveland source now in the rifle club, has advised that the name of MERC has never been used at meetings which he has attended and that, in fact, ROBINSON seldom attends the entire meeting and does not appear to be in charge of club activities. [redacted] believes that ALBERT WARE and HARLELL JONES, both identified as members of RAM, actually run the club. [redacted] is of the further opinion that there is some relationship between the rifle club and RAM but he has insufficient knowledge at this time to further define this relationship. [redacted] has pointed out, however, that ROBINSON seems to be held in low esteem by the club members, partially because of his egotistical self-centered personality and partially because of the fact that he is married to a white woman.

Thus, although this matter is now carried under the MERC caption and ROBINSON is publicly considered to be the founder of the rifle club, some doubt exists at the present time that the club now in operation uses the MERC name or was founded by ROBINSON. Investigation by the Cleveland Office is continuing for the purpose of resolving the relationship between MERC and RAM and to completely identify the rifle club members.

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In addition to eight rifle club members identified in this report, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] has furnished information which partially identifies four additional club members. Investigation is now under way to resolve the identities of these persons.

This report is being classified confidential for the reason that it contains information from CV T-1 and CV T-2 which could reasonably identify these sources of continuing value, thereby compromising their future effectiveness.

Copies of this report are being disseminated to G-2, OSI and ONI as well as Secret Service, Cleveland, Ohio, for informational purposes.

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Report of: SA CHARLES A. HARVEY
Date: 4/23/65

Office: CLEVELAND

Field Office File #: 157-229

Bureau File #: 157-1624

Title: MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis:

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LEWIS G. ROBINSON announced intention to form MERC on 4/5/64. One meeting of club known to have been held on 4/8/64, but no further evidence is known that club actually existed during Summer of 1964. On 4/10/64, Cleveland Mayor RALPH LOCHER announced ROBINSON was suspended from position as House Inspector for City of Cleveland. On 8/31/64, shipment of 400 rounds of 7.65 caliber ammunition mailed to LEWIS G. ROBINSON. Beginning in January, 1965, meetings of a rifle club held at JFK House, 8801 Superior Avenue. Club activities include arms demonstrations, teachings of judo, calisthenics and instructions in making "Molotov cocktail". Source reports ROBINSON attends club meetings but club appears to be run by HARRIETTE JONES and ALBERT WARE, both identified members of RAM. The rifle club not incorporated in Ohio or registered with Ohio Adjutant General's Office. Club activities financed by selling raffle tickets and dues of 50¢ per week plus \$1.00 initiation fee. Names of eight identified club members set forth. Club's only known outside activity to date was service as bodyguard to DONALD FREEMAN when latter made public speech on 3/12/65. *Albert Ware*

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DETAILS

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

This investigation is predicated upon information which appeared in the April 5, 1964, issue of "The Plain Dealer", a local daily newspaper, wherein LEWIS G. ROBINSON was quoted as stating he intended to form a rifle club, to be known as the Medgar Evers Rifle Club (MERC) for the purpose of affording protection to civil rights demonstrators when the local police failed to do so.

On July 1, 1957, LEWIS G. ROBINSON submitted an application for employment with the United States Government. In answer to the question, "Are you now, or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party of the United States or any Communist or fascist organization?" He stated "I have attended several meetings of the Labor Youth League in Boston in 1950." The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

I. ORIGIN AND ORGANIZATIONAL
BACKGROUND OF MERC

A. Origin

Source: "The Plain Dealer"

On April 5, 1964, an article appeared in "The Plain Dealer" wherein LEWIS G. ROBINSON announced that plans were under way to form a rifle club, to be known as the MERC, for the purpose of protecting civil rights demonstrators when local police failed to do so. ROBINSON stated that the club will cooperate with similar groups in other cities, that the membership would be open to both Negro and white persons and that each member would be required to furnish his own rifle. ROBINSON further stated that club members would wear Army fatigue clothing, Army type helmet liners, heavy boots and would make use of two-way radios. He stated the club members will be given training equivalent to Army basic training.

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The article further noted that an organizational meeting would be held at ROBINSON's home, 1402 East 120th Street, on April 8, 1964.

On April 6, 1964, "The Plain Dealer" contained an article in which Cleveland Safety Director JOHN N. MC CORMICK announced that MERC will be kept under "close surveillance" to insure public safety. MC CORMICK stated "we are prepared to handle situations of this nature. We will do our job". This article also quoted representatives of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), a nationally known civil rights organization, as stating that CORE did not want the support of ROBINSON's purposed rifle club. The article further stated that ROBINSON had said that nobody wants to see the rifle club get under way. He added, however, that "it is inevitable now. It will grow because of the breakdown of morality in this country."

Source: "The Cleveland Press"

On April 9, 1964, "The Cleveland Press", a local daily newspaper, carried an article which stated that a meeting of the rifle club was held at the home of LEWIS ROBINSON on April 8, 1965. The article quoted a Press informant, not further identified, who stated that between 20 and 25 men were present at the meeting, including four white men one of whom was a Minister who voiced a protest against violence and advocated peaceful demonstrations. The article further indicated that violence was discussed at the meeting and that ROBINSON did most of the talking. He stated that the plan for the club was to provide protection for civil rights workers which local police had not provided. ROBINSON described the purpose of the club as being solely for the protection of life. The "Press" source stated there was no discussion or collection of funds nor were the names of persons in attendance recorded. The article noted that during the meeting ROBINSON displayed two M-1 rifles which he stated were his personal property.

Source: "The Plain Dealer"

An article in the April 10, 1964, issue of this newspaper quoted Mr. JAMES M. LISTER, Urban Renewal Director, as

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stating that LEWIS ROBINSON had been suspended from his job as a city housing inspector effective immediately and "pending discharge" after a hearing. The article quoted Mayor RALPH LOCHER as stating that he had personally interviewed ROBINSON and informed him of his suspension. Mayor LOCHER indicated that he had asked ROBINSON what his intentions were with respect to the rifle club and that ROBINSON had replied that the club was to supplant the police department and to shock the community. The article quoted ROBINSON as accusing local news media of distorting his announcement concerning the rifle club. ROBINSON charged that the newspaper had quoted him as saying that the club already had a cadre of 50 instructors. ROBINSON stated that this is not true, that the club has no instructors and that the activity thus far was "simply a group of people who were considering forming a club."

Source: Lieutenant MARTIN COONEY
Bureau of Special Investigation
Cleveland Police Department

On May 9, 1964, Lieutenant COONEY advised that the Cleveland Police Department is following the matter of ROBINSON's announced intention to form a rifle club and that no evidence had been obtained as of that date that the club had actually been formed. Lieutenant COONEY stated that the Police Department had made a survey of local gun stores and had found no indication of an increase in rifle sales.

Source: CV T-1

On May 5, 1964, this source orally advised that he is well acquainted with LEWIS ROBINSON and has discussed his rifle club announcement with him. This source expressed the opinion that ROBINSON's purpose in making the announcement was to shock the community and to impress the public with the urgency of Negro demands for civil rights. The source stated that ROBINSON does not, and never did, intend to have a vigilante group patrolling the streets. CV T-1 stated he knew of no future meetings connected with a rifle club and that he believed that no rifle club was in existence as of May 5, 1964.

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On June 8, 1964, CV T-1 again advised that he had received no information concerning rifle club meetings or that meetings for the purpose of organizing a rifle club were being planned in the immediate future.

B. Legal Status

Source: "The Cleveland Press"

An article in the April 21, 1964, issue of this newspaper quoted Mr. FRANK C. DANIEL of the National Rifle Association as stating that MERC had made no application for membership in the National Rifle Association (NRA) and that if an application from this group should be received, the NRA would reject it.

Source: Sergeant JOHN J. UNGVARY
Cleveland Police Department

On May 5, 1965, Sergeant UNGVARY advised that he had talked with ROBINSON and that the latter has assured him that the rifle club would be organized only through proper channels. Sergeant UNGVARY noted that Ohio Law requires that an application for formation of a rifle club must be submitted to the Adjutant General's Office in Columbus, Ohio. Sergeant UNGVARY advised that the Adjutant General's Office and the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office have been alerted to advise the Cleveland Police Department in the event a MERC application is received and that as of May 5, 1964, such an application had not been received.

On April 7, 1965, Sergeant UNGVARY again advised that neither the Adjutant General's Office or the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office have received an application from MERC.

C. Finances

Source: CV T-2

On January 20, 1965, this source advised that the rifle club which holds meetings at 8801 Superior Avenue is raising operational funds by selling raffle tickets.

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On February 4, 1965, CV T-2 advised that ALBERT WARE handles the funds for the rifle club. This source stated that it costs one dollar as an initiation fee to join the club and that membership dues are 50¢ per week.

D. Identified Members

Source: CV T-2

During the period from January through March, 1965, this source has identified the following persons as members of the "rifle club" which meets at 8801 Superior Avenue:

ALBERT ARLIN WARE - Source has advised that this individual has indicated on a number of occasions that he is a member of the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM).

HARIELLE JONES - Source has advised that JONES has indicated on a number of occasions that he is a member of RAM.

LEWIS G. ROBINSON

~~MELVIN SHANKLIN~~

~~RICHARD SHANKLIN~~

~~COLLINS THOMPkins~~

~~NORMAN ROBERT MC JUNKINS~~

~~PERRY HARRIS~~ - Source advised that this individual was dropped from rifle club membership because he refused to have his "processed" hair cut when ordered to do so by WARE and JONES.

With the exception of LEWIS ROBINSON, who, as indicated elsewhere in this report, admitted attendance at meetings of the Labor Youth League in 1950, there are no indications currently known that the above individuals

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are now, or have been in the past, connected with the Communist Party (CP) or any CP front organization.

II. ACTIVITIES

Source: Sergeant JOHN J. UNGVARY
Cleveland Police Department

On August 18, 1964, Sergeant UNGVARY advised that he had heard rumors that LEWIS ROBINSON had contacted the Outhwaite Gun Club near Orwell, Ohio, regarding the availability of the club's facilities for rifle practice. Sergeant UNGVARY stated that he had personally inspected the facilities of the Outhwaite Gun Club and had determined that it could be used only for skeet and trap shooting. He stated that the club is owned by Negroes and is used primarily by Negro groups for social outings. The entire grounds of the club cover about 300 acres and Sergeant UNGVARY expressed the opinion that this is the place LEWIS ROBINSON referred to as a "300 acre farm" on which rifle practice could be held. Sergeant UNGVARY advised that his investigation disclosed no evidence that members of the rifle club had ever used the Outhwaite Gun Club facilities.

Source: Mr. BOYD WILLIAMS, Vice President
Williams Gun Sight Company
7391 East Lapeer Road
Davison, Michigan

On September 22, 1964, Mr. WILLIAMS advised that on August 31, 1964, a shipment of 400 rounds of 7.65 caliber Mauser rifle ammunition had been mailed by his company to LEWIS G. ROBINSON. Mr. WILLIAMS stated that this type of ammunition is used in an Argentine military rifle a number of which have been commercially sold in the United States.

Source: CV T-3

On October 2, 1964, this source advised that he had talked with LEWIS ROBINSON on that date and that during the conversation ROBINSON stated that "his rifle club" exists only in the minds of the public. This source advised that

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ROBINSON said he had made the rifle club announcement for "shock value".

Source: CV T-4

On October 4, 1964, this source advised that he had determined through channels which he did not identify but which he believed to be reliable that LEWIS ROBINSON had held several informal meetings at his home subsequent to the initial meeting on April 8, 1964. CV T-4 advised, however, that no meetings had been held since the early Summer of 1964 and that no efforts had been made to raise funds, no rifle practice had been held and no set program for a rifle club had been established. This source, who is well acquainted with the Negro community in Cleveland, Ohio, advised that ROBINSON appeared primarily interested in getting publicity and in shocking the community rather than actually organizing a rifle club.

Source: CV T-5

On October 8, 1964, this source, who has been contacted with insufficient frequency to determine his reliability but who is in a position to furnish reliable information of the type set forth hereinafter, advised that he is acquainted with LEWIS ROBINSON and that he considers him to be harmless insofar as the actual formation of a rifle club is concerned. This source stated that ROBINSON has repeatedly shown himself to be an avid publicity seeker and the source was of the opinion that his mania for publicity was one of the primary reasons for ROBINSON's announcement that he intended to form a rifle club.

Source: CV T-6

On October 13, 1964, this source advised that at a meeting held at the JFK House, 8801 Superior Avenue, on October 11, 1964, LEWIS ROBINSON was asked if he had actually organized a rifle club as he had publicly announced. ROBINSON replied that he had lost his job with the City of Cleveland because of this announcement and he alleged that his dismissal was a violation of the "Free Speech" provisions of the United States Constitution inasmuch as he had merely made the

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announcement and there was no evidence that he had made any efforts to organize such a club. ROBINSON further stated that if he had actually intended to form a club he would not have made a public announcement but would have tried to organize it secretly. ROBINSON also stated that he would do nothing further about the rifle club at this time as to do so would jeopardize his chance of getting his city job back.

Source: CV T-6

On January 21, 1965, this source advised that on January 20, 1965, he had attended a meeting at the JFK House, 8801 Superior Avenue, and at this time ALBERT WARE had talked about getting rifles. The source stated, however, that he had not seen any rifles at the JFK House. The source stated that he does not know whether, in fact, LEWIS ROBINSON had organized a rifle club, but that ROBINSON had been heard to comment that he is going to organize a "drill team" in the spring.

Source: CV T-2

On January 20, 1965, this source advised that he attended a meeting at the JFK House on that date. This source stated that three women and fourteen men, all Negroes, were present at the meeting. LEWIS ROBINSON mentioned a 300 acre farm, not further identified, where rifle practice had been held. The source noted that ALBERT WARE, one of the rifle club leaders, talked about explosives, hand grenades, guerrilla warfare and instructions in loading a .30 caliber Italian carbine. LEWIS ROBINSON predicted rioting in the Summer of 1965 and stated that everyone should own his own rifle which could be purchased for \$9.00 and ammunition which could be purchased for \$5.00 per thousand rounds.

On January 25, 1965, CV T-2 advised that at the meeting held at the JFK House on January 20, 1965, LEWIS ROBINSON brought in a rifle and ALBERT WARE demonstrated its use. CV T-2 noted that ROBINSON is in charge of the JFK House, but the source expressed some doubt that ROBINSON is in charge of the rifle group which meets in the basement of the JFK House. The source noted that ROBINSON was

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present only while the rifle was being demonstrated and that ALBERT WARE actually conducted the meeting.

Source: Sergeant JOHN J. UNGVARY
Cleveland Police Department

On January 29, 1965, Sergeant UNGVARY advised that he had personally inspected the JFK House on that date and had observed no indications that arms and ammunition were kept there or had been used on the premises.

Source: CV T-2

On February 4, 1965, this source advised that a meeting of the rifle group was held at the JFK House on February 3, 1965, with seven persons in attendance. The source stated that not much transpired at this meeting and no guns were observed. The source noted that LEWIS ROBINSON never presides over meetings of the rifle group but that HARLELLE JONES and ALBERT WARE are in charge and do most of the talking.

On February 11, 1965, CV T-2 advised that a meeting of the rifle group was held at the JFK House on February 10, 1965. At this time HARLELLE JONES gave out a mimeograph sheet showing instructions for making a "Molotov cocktail". JONES requested that these instructions be memorized and the instruction sheet returned to him. The source noted that six persons were present at this meeting and that JONES and ALBERT WARE were again in charge.

On February 15, 1965, the mimeographed instructions for making of "Molotov cocktails" were furnished to the Cleveland Police Department and were examined by the bomb experts of the Cleveland Police Department. Sergeant JOHN J. UNGVARY subsequently advised that, in the opinion of Captain SPERBER of the Department's Technical Unit, the City of Cleveland would have a considerable number of one armed racial demonstrators if they attempted to use "Molotov cocktails" made in the matter set forth in the above mentioned instruction sheet. Captain SPERBER had noted that the instruction sheet specified that a glass container should be partially filled with gasoline. He noted that under such

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conditions gas fumes would be generated which would create an explosion when the device was ignited and that, in his opinion, the explosion would occur before the user could throw it at a target.

Source: CV T-2

On February 18, 1965, this source advised that a meeting of the rifle club was held at the JFK House on February 17, 1965. The source noted that seven persons were present, that no rifle practice was conducted and that the program consisted mostly of calisthenics. The source stated that ALBERT WARE appeared to be in charge of the meeting and made several references to RAM during the evening. A characterization of RAM is contained in the Appendix Section of this report.

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On March 1, 1965, CV T-2 advised that a meeting of the rifle club was held at the JFK House on February 24, 1965. The source stated that 17 persons were present including DONALD FREEMAN, PAUL BROOKS and HANIF WAHAB, all of whom have indicated to the source that they are members of RAM. CV T-2 advised that BROOKS and WAHAB spoke at the meeting and talked about the need for more discipline in the rifle group and about the "coming revolution".

On March 4, 1965, CV T-2 advised that a meeting of the rifle club was held at the JFK House on March 3, 1965. Eight persons attended this meeting and during the evening HARLELLIE JONES stated that no one affiliated with white persons would be allowed in the "inner circle". When it was mentioned that LEWIS ROBINSON is married to a white woman, JONES replied that ROBINSON would never get into the "inner circle". The source further advised that during this meeting it was announced that rifle club members would serve as security guards for DONALD FREEMAN when the latter speaks in public. Source stated that this announcement was made in order to avoid a possible assassination attempt against FREEMAN. Source advised, however, that there are no indications that FREEMAN's life is in danger and CV T-2 expressed the opinion that the bodyguard routine was set up just to give the club members something to do.

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The source stated in connection with the use of the term "inner circle" that it was not explained what this means but that, in the source's opinion, the "inner circle" could refer to the RAM organization with the rifle group being the "outer circle".

On March 11, 1965, CV T-2 advised that a rifle club meeting was held on March 10, 1965, at the JFK House with ten persons in attendance. Plans were made for a bodyguard for DON FREEMAN at a public meeting to be held on March 12, 1965. The source again noted that no indications had been received that FREEMAN's life was threatened and the source again stated that the security guard for FREEMAN was apparently arranged for the primary purpose of giving rifle club members something to do. The source noted that at the meeting on March 10, 1965, instructions were issued concerning the conduct of members, personal discipline and devotion to the "revolution". The aim of the revolution was described as the overthrow of "the whites" and the replacement of the present form of government with a better one in which everyone will have a chance to work at his full capacity. It was stressed that club members should not engage in any form of violence unless specifically ordered by the rifle club to do so. A statement was made that in a few more meetings everyone would be required to take an oath to the revolution and would have to subject himself to the orders of the leaders. Girls would be expected to do everything, even using their bodies, to promote the revolution. The source noted that everyone was quiet when these instructions were being given as there had never before been any expressed intention of making the entire group into such a dedicated revolutionary movement. The source noted that the person who issued these instructions was one DAVE OWENS who is not a member of the rifle club but had appeared at rifle club meetings as a representative of RAM. The source was unable to determine whether, in this instance, OWENS was making these remarks on his own authority or whether he had been authorized to deliver these instructions by someone else.

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CV T-2 stated that during the meeting on March 10, 1965, club members practiced for the assignment of security guard for DONALD FREEMAN and that during this session three club members were noted to have guns in their possession.

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Source: CV T-2

On March 14, 1965, this source advised that on March 12, 1965, about ten members of the rifle club served as a security guard for DON FREEMAN when the latter appeared at a public meeting sponsored by the Freedom Fighters, a local civil rights organization, held at 843 East 105th Street. The source stated that the rifle club members did not carry guns but that by pre-arrangement four girls in the audience had handguns in their possession. This source advised that the meeting was completed without any incidents or disturbances taking place.

Source: Sergeant JOHN J. UNGVARY
Cleveland Police Department

On March 16, 1965, Sergeant UNGVARY advised that he was present at the Freedom Fighters meeting held on March 12, 1965, at which DONALD FREEMAN spoke. Sergeant UNGVARY advised that in the meeting hall he observed six Negro males dressed in red sweaters, white shirts, dark trousers and black berets, stationed at the door. Sergeant UNGVARY further advised that about six other persons similarly dressed, but without the red sweaters, were stationed at various spots within the hall. Sergeant UNGVARY advised that the clothing mentioned above had been previously identified as the uniform to be worn by members of the rifle group. Sergeant UNGVARY stated that the meeting was concluded without incident or arrest being made.

Source: CV T-2

On March 17, 1965, this source advised that a meeting of the rifle club was held at the JFK House on March 16, 1965. This meeting was devoted to physical exercise and the source noted that HARLELL JONES began a course in judo and karate. CV T-2 stated that JONES is now head of the rifle club and that ALBERT WARE has been moved to a "higher position" in which he is not directly responsible for the rifle club. The source stated that it is still not clear what authority RAM has over the rifle club, although it has been noted that during recent meetings of the club more people having RAM affiliations have been at meetings than in the past.

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On March 18, 1965, CV T-2 stated that a meeting of the rifle club was held at the JFK House on March 17, 1965. The source noted that the club is having trouble with one of its members who does not attend meetings regularly although he is one of the leaders in the club. CV T-2 additionally advised that from conversation at rifle club meetings it appears that HANIF WAHAB, who has attended some meetings of the rifle club, is also a very high ranking member of RAM.

On March 26, 1965, CV T-2 advised that HARLELLE JONES and ALBERT WARE have both indicated on a number of occasions that they are members of RAM and are not involved in the general civil rights movement. Source stated that JONES and WARE have also mentioned that the same person who formed the Cleveland rifle club also formed one in New Jersey and have further indicated that the Cleveland club is part of a national group. The source noted, however, that no indications of any formal organizations or groups in other cities have been received and that rifle club activity in other cities is known to him only through the unsupported statements of JONES and WARE.

On March 28, 1965, CV T-2 advised that a meeting of the rifle club was held at the JFK House on that date. Source stated that HANIF WAHAB and DAVE OWENS had charge of the meeting and discussed the Islamic religion. Source stated that WAHAB and OWENS talked about the need for developing closer feelings of brotherhood and instructed that the rifle club members should begin to associate only with other members in the group. They also talked about hating white people but again warned the club members against engaging in violence unless specifically instructed to do so. WAHAB and OWENS told the club members that if they violate these instructions and get into trouble on their own initiative, they would be "on their own". If, on the other hand, club members should get into trouble in following the instructions of their leaders the "movement" would supply attorneys for them. WAHAB and OWENS also talked against MARTIN LUTHER KING and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and noted that things will be better after the revolution.

CV T-2 stated that LEWIS ROBINSON was not present at this meeting and it appears that most of the club members have little use for ROBINSON since they felt he talks too much in public and is working primarily for his own benefit.

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REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT (RAM)

On November 3, 1964, a source made available a document entitled "The Revolutionary Action Movement Manifesto", the document having been obtained by the source from an individual known to be a member of RAM. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

This document stated, in part, that RAM was officially organized in the Winter of 1963, by Afro-Americans who support the revolutionary objectives of ROBERT F. WILLIAMS, now residing in Cuba, and his concept of organized violence to achieve the liberation of the Afro-American people in the United States. This Manifesto reflected that RAM had oriented its program to one of education and political revolution and the organization of a "black" political party with revolutionary objectives having recognized the need for a "black revolution" that could and would seize power. RAM philosophy is described in this document as one of revolutionary nationalism, that is, one involving the struggles of the non-white races of the world against exploitation and enslavement by the white capitalist and imperialist nations.

Regarding WILLIAMS, above, it should be noted that on August 28, 1961, a Federal warrant was issued at Charlotte, North Carolina, charging him with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution for the Crime of Kidnapping. Subsequent to the issuance of this warrant, WILLIAMS fled the United States to Cuba, where he now publishes a monthly newsletter entitled "The Crusader", from Havana.

On November 16, 1964, a second source advised that he learned recently from a RAM member that the organization was begun in Detroit, Michigan, largely under the impetus of DON FREEMAN, Cleveland, Ohio, described as the "Father" of RAM and referred to as RAM's "Black Stalin". FREEMAN now serves as RAM Chairman, with MAXWELL STANFORD, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, serving RAM as Field Chairman. This second source advised that there is no formal headquarters, as such, for RAM at present, but that headquarters are, in effect, with FREEMAN since he plays a dominant role in the leadership and directs the policies and activities of the organization.

This second source, in September, 1964, advised that RAM is dedicated to the overthrow of the capitalist system in the United States, by violence if necessary, and to its replacement by a socialistic system oriented toward the Chinese communist interpretation of Marxism-Leninism. RAM is entirely non-white in membership, clandestine in nature, and owes its primary allegiance to the "Bandung World", that is, the non-white races of the world, rather than to any national entity, as such.

To date, according to the second source, in November, 1964, RAM has organized units and membership in several of the larger cities in the United States east of the Mississippi River, and the organization is currently active, attempting to recruit new members and expand its sphere of influence.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Cleveland, Ohio
April 23, 1965

Title	MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
Character	RACIAL CLUB
Reference	report of SA CHARLES A. HARVEY dated and captioned as above at Cleveland, Ohio.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

CV T-6 who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past.

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Re Detroit airtel to Bureau with LHM, dated 4/13/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM concerning captioned matter. One copy of LHM being furnished G-2, Detroit, and two copies of LHM are being furnished U. S. Secret Service, Detroit. Two copies are also being furnished Chicago which is office of origin in this matter.

The contents of the LHM have been made available to the Detroit, Mich., Police Department and the Michigan State Police.

The LHM is being classified confidential since information contained therein could reasonably result in the identification of informants of continuing value and thereby compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

- 5 - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
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Source number two FOIA(b)(7) - (D) Source number three is
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Bureau, Detroit Police Department.

This matter is being followed closely by the Detroit Office
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Detroit, Michigan
April 28, 1965

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ON 1-24-91

Re: Revolutionary Action
Movement (RAM)

Reference is made to Detroit letterhead memorandum dated April 13, 1965, captioned as above.

On April 26, 1965, source number one, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that an informal meeting of the Fox and Wolf Hunt Club (FWHC) was held on April 25, 1965, at 2929 Hazelwood, Detroit, Michigan.

Source identified the following individuals as being among some of those in attendance at this gathering:

Richard Henry,

Ken Brooks,

General Baker,

John Jackson,

Vales Crossley,

Max Henderson,

Gretta Bridges.

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Re: Revolutionary Action
Movement (RAM)

Source advised that Richard Henry, FWHC President, and Ken Brooks, FWHC member, did not arrive on time for the meeting as a result of which those in attendance held an informal discussion.

Source advised that General Baker discussed his trip to Cuba during the summer of 1964. He indicated that due to the ban on Cuban travel, it was necessary for him and the group he traveled with to take an indirect route to reach Cuba. He stated that they flew from the United States to France, from France to Czechoslovakia, and from Czechoslovakia to Cuba.

Baker discussed the economic situation in Cuba and indicated that the Cuban Government is seriously hampered by the lack of spare parts for industrial machines and motor vehicles. He stated that they have a few skilled mechanics who are attempting to make these parts by hand. He indicated that the most modern automobile in Cuba is owned by Premier Fidel Castro and that this vehicle is a 1961 Oldsmobile.

Source advised that after the conclusion of the informal meeting those in attendance, with the exception of Richard Henry and Ken Brooks, proceeded to the basement of the residence at 2929 Hazelwood, Detroit, where they engaged in target practice with a .22 caliber rifle.

On April 26, 1965, source number two and source number three, both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, corroborated the information furnished by source number one concerning the informal meeting of the FWHC held on April 25, 1965.

Source number three additionally advised that two local RAM members, namely General Gordon Baker and John H. Jackson, were in attendance at this gathering.

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Re: Revolutionary Action
Movement (RAM)

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Re: Revolutionary Action
Movement (RAM)

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REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT (RAM)

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Date: 4/13/65

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442684)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-768) (P)

REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT
IS - RAM
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Detroit airtel to Bureau with LHM dated 4/6/65.

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 - 1 - 100-31601 (Goal)
 - 1 - 157-835 (FWHC)
 - 1 - 157-706 (Possible Racial Riots)

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157-1624 -
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DATE 1-24-91 BY SP8BJJ/cal
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70 APR 21 1965 Special Agent in Charge

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Source number one is [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]
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three is [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] Special
Investigations Bureau, Detroit Police Department.

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Detroit Office and the Bureau will be advised of pertinent
developments.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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Detroit, Michigan
April 13, 1965

DECLASSIFIED BY SP8 BJS/kal
ON 1-24-91

Re: Revolutionary Action
Movement (RAM)

Reference is made to Detroit letterhead memorandum dated April 6, 1965, and captioned as above.

On April 12, 1965, source number one, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a meeting of the Fox and Wolf Hunt Club (FWHC) was held at the residence of FWHC member, Vales Crossley, 2929 Hazelwood, Detroit, Michigan, on April 11, 1965.

Source identified the following individuals as being among some of those in attendance at this meeting:

General Gordon Baker

Marshall Williams

Charles Simmons

John Jackson

Richard Henry

Ken Brooks

Vales Crossley

Max Henderson

Gretta Bridges

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Re: Revolutionary Action
Movement (RAM)

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Source advised that the meeting was called to order by Club President Richard Henry and that the first order of business was the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting which were read to those in attendance by Gretta Bridges.

Next, General Baker gave the financial report of the club and attempted to collect the April dues from those members in attendance who had not as yet paid their April dues.

Source advised that Richard Henry led a discussion concerning the purchase of jackets for club members and the possibility of placing a patch on the sleeve of the jacket and an emblem on the jacket front. It was agreed by those in attendance that the Quartermaster Ken Brooks would make an effort to determine the cost of the patches and emblems for the jackets. In addition, Richard Henry indicated that he is still investigating the possibility of purchasing the jackets at a very high rate of discount.

Source advised that a discussion was held concerning possible rifle ranges to be utilized by the club during the summer. A number of locations were mentioned; however, the club did not agree to engage in rifle practice at any particular range at this time.

Source advised that after the conclusion of the business meeting, those in attendance with the exception of Richard Henry and Ken Brooks adjourned to the basement of the Crossley residence where they engaged in target practice with a .22 caliber rifle. During the course of this rifle practice, General Baker instructed some of the members in the nomenclature of the M-1 rifle.

On April 12, 1965, source number two and source number three, both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, corroborated the information furnished by source number one concerning the meeting of the FWRC held on April 11, 1965.

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Re: Revolutionary Action
Movement (RAM)

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Source number three additionally advised that four local RAM members namely General Gordon Baker, Marshall Williams, Charles Simmons and John H. Jackson were in attendance at this meeting.

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Movement (RAM)

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Movement (RAM)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]
FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]
SUBJECT: [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]

DATE: 4/7/65

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Re Bulet to Cleveland, dated 2/12/65, captioned
[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]

In accordance with Bureau instructions contained in referenced letter, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] was discontinued as an informant by the Cleveland Office due to the fact that he furnished false information.

The Bureau has indicated that the report he furnished concerning activity during the New Years Weekend, 1964, at Detroit, Michigan, should be clearly labeled, "Not to be Disseminated." Other information he has furnished which was verified, should be labeled as coming from one who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information.

A review of [] file reflects that he furnished information in the captioned matter. A review of the file on the captioned matter reflects that information furnished by [] has been incorporated in the following communications

- 10-Bureau (RM)
- 1 - 100-42684 (REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT)
 - 1 - 157-6-11 (POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE)
 - 1 - 100-442879 (LEWIS GREEN ROBINSON)
 - 1 - (PAUL EDWARD BROOKS)
 - 1 - (RACIAL SITUATION, CLEVELAND, OHIO)
 - 1 - (GOAL)
 - 1 - (MERC)
 - 1 - (FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF OHIO, INC.)
 - 1 - (JAMES O. PHILLIPS)

- 10-Cleveland
- 1 - 157-280 (RAM)
 - 1 - 157-320 (PAUL EDWARD BROOKS)
 - 1 - 157-198 (RACIAL SITUATION, CLEVELAND)
 - 1 - 157-263 (POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE)
 - 1 - 157-229 (GOAL)
 - 1 - 157-229 (MERC)
 - 1 - 100-26234 (FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF OHIO)
 - 1 - 100-25497 (LEWIS GREEN ROBINSON)
 - 1 - 26-0 (JAMES O. PHILLIPS)

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which were sent to the Bureau:

REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT
IS - RAM
BUfile: 100-442684
CVfile: 157-280

Re Cleveland airtels to the Director, dated 1/27, 13, 15, 16/65, 2/25/65, 1/7, 9, 23/65, and 2/18, 19/65, 3/12/65, and report of SA RICHARD L. GLOSSA, dated 12/16/64, at Cleveland, which contained information from [REDACTED] under symbol T-2.

PAUL EDWARD BROOKS
IS - RAM
CVfile: 157-320

letter
Re Cleveland airtel to Director, dated 1/12/65.

RACIAL SITUATION, CLEVELAND, OHIO
RACIAL MATTERS
CVfile: 157-198

Re Cleveland airtel and Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) to Director, dated 1/12/65. (The first source in the LHM is [REDACTED] Cleveland airtel and LHM to Director, dated 2/2/65, (T-1 in the LHM is [REDACTED]) Cleveland airtel and LHM to Director, dated 2/8/65. (The first source in the LHM is [REDACTED])

[REDACTED]
RACIAL INFORMANT (Probationary)

Re airtels from Cleveland to Director, dated 12/30/64, and 1/8/65.

POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE
MAJOR URBAN AREA
BUfile: 157-6-11
CVfile: 157-263

[redacted]

Re airtel and LHM from Cleveland to Director, dated 11/30/64, (the second source in the LHM is [redacted]) airtel and LHM from Cleveland to Director, dated 12/31/64, (on page 2 of LHM, the following changes should be made: Change "sources who have furnished reliable information in the past" to "sources who have furnished reliable information in the past and one source who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information.") airtel and LHM from Cleveland to Director, dated 1/15/65 (the source in the LHM is [redacted]) airtel and LHM to Director, dated 2/11/65 (T-1 in the LHM is [redacted])

GOAL
RACIAL MATTERS
CVfile; 157-229

Re airtel from Cleveland to Director, dated 1/27/65.

MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB
RACIAL MATTERS
CVfile 157-229

Re airtel and LHM from Cleveland to Director, dated 10/22/64, (T-3 in the LHM is [redacted])

FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF OHIO, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS

Letter Re airtel from Cleveland to Director, dated 3/11/65, airtel and LHM from Cleveland to Director, dated 3/15/65. (source in the LHM is [redacted])

LEWIS GREEN ROBINSON
SM - MISC
Bufile: 100-442879
CVfile: 100-25497

Re summary report of SA CHARLES A. HARVEY, dated 12/8/64, at Cleveland. (T-12 in this report is [redacted])

[REDACTED]

JAMES O. PHILLIPS
ITSMV
CVfile: 26-0

Re letter from Cleveland to Director, dated 3/16/64.

It is requested that the Bureau label these communications as suggested above. If any of the information from [REDACTED] has been disseminated by the Bureau, it is suggested that the agencies to whom disseminated be requested by the Bureau to make an appropriate notation on their communications.

FBI

Date: 4/6/65

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442684)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-768) (P)

REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT

IS - RAM

(OO: CHICAGO)

*MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB,
CLEVELAND, OHIO*

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Source Number 1 is FOIA(b) (7) - (D).

Source Number 2 FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Source Number 3 is FOIA(b) (7) - (D), Special Investigations Bureau, Detroit, Michigan Police Department.

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(1 - ~~100-442379~~ GOAL)

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6 - Detroit (157-768)

(1 - 157-565 MERC)

(1 - 100-31601 GOAL)

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(1 - 157-706 POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE) 150 APR 13 1965

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan

April 6, 1965

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM)

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General Gordon Baker

Marshall Williams

Richard Henry

Vales Crossley

Max Henderson

Gretta Bridges.

Source advised that the meeting was called to order by Club President Richard Henry and the following matters were taken up during the course of this meeting:

1. Gretta Bridges read the minutes of the last meeting held on March 28, 1965.

2. The treasurer, General Gordon Baker collected \$8.00 in dues from those in attendance and indicated that the Club now has an account at the Bank of the Commonwealth, Detroit, and at the present time the account has a total of \$26.00 in it.

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Re: Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM)

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3. A discussion regarding the purchase of jackets for Club members.

4. The possibility of holding a barbecue during June, 1965, for Club members.

5. A discussion as to how the Club could attract additional members.

Source advised that after the business meeting those in attendance, with the exception of Richard Henry, proceeded to the basement of the residence of Vales Crossley where they engaged in target practice with a .22 rifle. In addition, Source advised during this target practice, General Baker instructed Greta Bridges in the nomenclature of the M-1 rifle.

On April 5, 1965, Source Number Two and Source Number Three, both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, corroborated the information furnished by Source Number One concerning the meeting of the FWHC held on April 4, 1965, at Detroit, Michigan.

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Date: 3/31/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442684)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-768) (P)

REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT
IS - RAMo-1 CV 4/6/65
Rpt WJB/3 4/23/65
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Re Detroit airtel to Bureau, with LHM, dated 3/23/65.

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 6 - Detroit
 (1 - 157-565) (MERC)
 (1 - 100-31001) (GOAL)
 (1 - 157-835) (FWHC)
 (1 - 157-706) (POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE)

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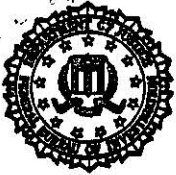
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Source #3 is [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]

Special Investigations Bureau, Detroit, Michigan, PD

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan

March 31, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Re: Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM)

DECLASSIFIED BY SP8 BTJ/cab
ON 1-24-91

Reference is made to Detroit letterhead memorandum, dated March 23, 1965, and captioned as above.

On March 29, 1965, Source #1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a meeting of the Fox and Wolf Hunt Club (FWHC) was held at the residence of FWHC member Vales Crossley, located at 2929 Hazelwood, Detroit, Michigan, during the late a.m. and early p.m. of March 28, 1965.

Source identified the following individuals as being among some of those in attendance at this meeting:

John H. Jackson
Charles Simmons
General Gordon Baker
Vales Crossley
Max Henderson
Gretta Bridges

Source advised that the meeting was called to order by Vice President John Jackson, inasmuch as the President, Richard Henry, was not in attendance. The first order of business was the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting which were read to those in attendance by Gretta Bridges. It was decided at this meeting that the club would not hold any additional outdoor firearms practice until the weather becomes warmer, inasmuch as members in attendance at rifle practice on March 21, 1965, became very cold and one member indicated that as a result of the practice he had incurred a severe cough.

Source advised that it was further agreed at this meeting that at future meetings to have Vales Crossley give a series of lectures on the nomenclature of the

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various makes of rifles in the possession of individual club members. It was also decided that in the future club members in attendance would practice shooting the .22 caliber rifle in the basement of Vales Crossley's residence.

Source advised that General Baker gave the financial report of the club, stating that the club at the present time has \$26.00 in the treasury, and that a bank account in the name of the club would be opened at the Bank of the Commonwealth, Detroit, Michigan, on March 30, 1965.

Source advised that at the conclusion of the meeting, General Baker and Charles Simmons advised that they had been subpoenaed to appear before a Federal Grand Jury in New York City on March 30, 1965, in connection with the arrest of an individual named Robert Steele Collier, who had allegedly conspired with others to blow up the Statue of Liberty and other national monuments.

On March 30, 1965, United States Marshal Orville H. Trotter, Detroit, Michigan, advised that General Gordon Baker, Jr., Charles Edward Simmons, III, and another individual have been subpoenaed to appear before the Federal Grand Jury at New York City, New York, on March 30, 1965, in connection with the following matter:

"Robert Steele Collier; Et Al; Destruction of Government Property - Conspiracy"

On March 29, 1965, Source #2 and Source #3, both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, corroborated the information furnished by Source #1 concerning the meeting of the FWHC held on March 28, 1965.

Source #3 additionally advised that three local RAM members, namely John H. Jackson, Charles Simmons and General Gordon Baker were in attendance at this meeting.

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REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT (RAM)

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Regarding WILLIAMS, above, it should be noted that on August 28, 1961, a Federal warrant was issued at Charlotte, North Carolina, charging him with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution for the Crime of Kidnapping. Subsequent to the issuance of this warrant, WILLIAMS fled the United States to Cuba, where he now publishes a monthly newsletter entitled "The Crusader" from Havana.

On November 16, 1964, a second source advised that he learned recently from a RAM member that the organization was begun in Detroit, Michigan, largely under the impetus of DON FREEMAN, Cleveland, Ohio, described as the "Father" of RAM and referred to as RAM's "Black Stalin". FREEMAN now serves as RAM Chairman, with MAXWELL STANFORD, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, serving RAM as Field Chairman. This second source advised that there is no formal headquarters, as such, for RAM at present, but that headquarters are, in effect, with FREEMAN since he plays a dominant role in the leadership and directs the policies and activities of the organization.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442684)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-768) (P)

**SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT
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(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Detroit airtel to Bureau with letterhead memorandum dated 3/16/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter. One copy of the letterhead memorandum is being furnished G-2, Detroit, and two copies are being furnished Secret Service, Detroit. Two copies are also being furnished the Chicago Office, which office is origin in this matter.

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 (1 - 100-442379 Goal)
 2 - Chicago (157-397) (Enc. 2) (RM)
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The contents of the letterhead memorandum have been made available to the Detroit, Michigan, Police Department, and the Michigan State Police.

The letterhead memorandum is being classified confidential since information contained therein could reasonably result in the identification of informants of continuing value and thereby compromise their future effectiveness.

Source number one is [REDACTED] FOIA(b)(7) - (D).
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[REDACTED] FOIA(b)(7) - (D) Special Investigations
Bureau, Detroit Police Department.

This matter is being followed closely by the Detroit Office, and the Bureau will be advised of pertinent developments.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan

March 23, 1965

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Reference is made to Detroit letterhead memorandum dated March 16, 1965, and captioned as above.

On March 22, 1965, source number one, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that members of the Fox and Wolf Hunt Club (FWHC) met at the residence of FWHC member Vales Crossley, located at 2929 Hazelwood, Detroit, Michigan, during the late a.m. of March 21, 1965, from which location members in attendance at this gathering proceeded to the Maple Grove Rifle Range located at 23 Mile Road and Gratiot in the immediate Detroit area. Source advised that at the range, club members participated in rifle practice, and that some of the members fired as many as thirty rounds of ammunition.

Source identified the following individuals as being among some of those participating in this rifle practice:

General Gordon Baker, Jr.
Charles Simmons
Vales Crossley
Max Henderson
Gretta Bridges

Source advised that the group left the Detroit area for the range shortly before noon, and after engaging in rifle practice, returned to the Detroit area at approximately 3:00 p.m. Source advised that during the course of the afternoon Charles Simmons related his experiences during his travel to Cuba during the summer of 1964. He described the living conditions in Cuba in very glowing terms and indicated that the Cuban people are very happy under the rule of Fidel Castro. He indicated that the only

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